

Minutes

Asheville City Council - Public Safety Committee

July 10, 2007 – 7 to 8:00 a.m.

Fourth Floor Municipal Building Training Room

“Operationally Aware – Policy Focused”

Present: Council Members: Dr. Carl Mumpower, Chair; Jan Davis, Bryan Freeborn
Staff: Jeff Richardson, William Hogan, Greg Grayson, Gary Cornett

- **Approval of June Minutes**
 - The committee by consensus approved the June meeting minutes.
- **DSU/Patrol/Housing Authority Monthly Report**
 - Report submitted and committee agreed it was a great report. Committee wants this to be a recurring monthly agenda item. Committee wants more proactive media reporting.
- **AFD/APD Turnover Rates**
 - Committee urged staff to let them know if there is a need for additional financial resources, such as a hiring bonus, in order to continue retention level.
- **Progress 911 PSAP Joint Communications Center**
 - Consolidation discussion continuing to move forward with implementation in early 2008.
- **Research Nuisance Abatement Civil Penalties in NC**
 - By consensus committee endorsed continued staff analysis of nuisance abatement and potential civil penalties involved.
- **City Traffic Signal Preemption Synchronization**
 - This agenda item was continued until the August 10, 2007 meeting. Ken Putnam of the NC Department of Transportation will be present at the August meeting.
- **Illegal Immigration – Local Action**
 - Handout provided by Dr. Mumpower.
 - Committee recognized full council discussion at tonight’s council meeting and postponed any consideration of committee action until after council meeting this date.
- **Other Business**
 - The Committee wishes to observe and participate more in public safety training.
 - The Committee recognized Cheryl Lunsford, the committee secretary for the past year, as she retired after 30 years with the City of Asheville. The

Asheville Fire Department clerical staff will take over secretarial duties for the next year.

- **Public Comment**
 - No public comment
- **Meeting Adjournment**
 - The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.
- **Next Meeting**
 - Tuesday, August 14, 2007. The committee asked that the following items be placed on next month's agenda:
 - Approval of July committee minutes
 - DSU/Patrol/Housing Authority Monthly Report (recurring monthly agenda item)
 - Review of Progress 911 PSAP Joint Communications Center (recurring monthly agenda item)
 - City Traffic Signal Preemption Synchronization
 - Civic Center Concert Action Plan
 - Public Comment
- **Future Agenda Items**
 - Adult Bookstores
 - Strategies for strengthening relations with court systems
 - Update on Pursuit Policy Changes – September 2007